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REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application in response to the office action.

Applicant's independent claim 1 requires that there be a motor receiving AC power under normal conditions, and that there be a DC back-up power supply, and the DC back-up power supply can power the at least one motor in the event of a main power failure. The examiner attempts to reject these claims over Cho, et al. in view of Miura, et al. However, nothing within Miura, et al. would suggest utilizing a back-up power supply, nor to substitute one into the typical AC system of Cho, et al. It is not applicant's contention that it has invented the concept of a DC power supply, but rather, the utilization of such a back-up power supply into the otherwise claimed environment. Simply, there is no suggestion to combine these references as proposed.

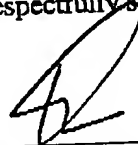
Further, independent claim 9 is not properly rejected. Claim 9 stands rejected over Tisdale, et al. in view of Cox-Smith, et al. Again, there is no suggestion that the Tisdale, et al. device would benefit from anything that might be disclosed in Cox-Smith, et al. It is not applicant's contention that it invented all control features, but rather, the incorporation of such control features into the environment otherwise claimed by claim 9. The examiner alleges that Cox-Smith, et al. would suggest its combination to "provide the advantage of synchronizing the motors" of Tisdale, et al. However, there is no apparent reason why Tisdale, et al. would want its motors synchronized. Simply, it appears this suggestion is found only in applicant's specification.

Applicant does appreciate the allowability indicated with regard to dependent claim 20, however, it is submitted the broader claims are also allowable. An indication of such is solicited.

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Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

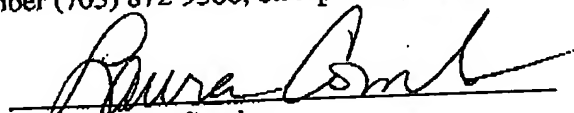


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